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FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: U, OCON, SENV, PARM, XF, SW
SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: CAPE VERDE'S BANTUSTAN
RESOLUTION

REF: NAIROBI 11651

1. CAPE VERDE RESOLUTION ON BANTUSTANS WAS ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS IN PLENARY ON FINAL MORNING OF CONFERENCE.
CANADA, ON BEHALF OF ITSELF, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE USA, MADE STATEMENT
FOLLOWING PLENARY ACTION. BRIEF STATEMENT CONTAINED
ALL ELEMENTS OF REFTEL, PARA TWO. THE PRINCIPAL
OBJECTION OF THE FIVE WEOG STATES WAS TO THE SECOND
PART OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WHICH SUBSTITUTED
QUOTE TO REQUEST THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
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NATIONS SYSTEM TO UNDERTAKE INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, ETC. END QUOTE FOR QUOTE TO
INITIATE INTERNATIONAL ACTION, ETC. END QUOTE.

2. REVISED DRAFT OF RESOLUTION FIRST APPEARED EARLY
MORNING AND WEOG DISCUSSED IT PRIOR TO PLENARY.
SOME WEO'S FELT THEY COULD SUPPORT IT. AUSTRALIA

CHAIRMAN WAS NOT QUITE CERTAIN WHAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD DO AND SUGGESTED THAT THE FIVE DELEGATIONS WHICH WERE UNABLE TO GO ALONG MEET OTO WORK OUT THEIR JOINT STATEMENT. EXCEPT FOR CANADA, THESE WERE THE FOUR STATES NOW NEGOTIATING WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: CAPE VERDEAN NEGOTIATOR, H.DA SILVA SOARES ,NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND LIVE-STOCK SERVICES) DID NOT PROVE TO BE ENTIRELY RELIABLE. HE HAD ALSO AGREED TO FRENCH REQUEST THAT WORD QUOTE COLONIAL END QUOTE BE DROPPED FROM FINAL PREAMBULAR PARA. THIS WAS NOT DONE. AS WILL BE CLEAR FROM FOLLOWING TEXT OF ADOPTED REVISED RESOLUTION, CAPE VERDEAN DELEGATE ALSO STRAYED FROM HIS AGREEMENT WITH USDEL. SOARES CLEARLY WAS AFRICAN FRONT MAN.

4. TEXT OF CAPE VERDEAN RESOLUTION FOLLOWS: QUOTE COLONIAL DESERTIFICATION PRACTICES. DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF CAPE VERDE. THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION, RECALLING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON APARTHEID, RECALLING ALSO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S CONDEMNATION OF THE CREATION OF BANTUSTANS, RECALLING, LASTLY, RECOMMENDATION NO. 18, PARAGRAPH 114, OF THE NAIROBI PREPARATORY MEETING ON COLONIAL PRACTICES THAT DESTROY THE ECOSYSTEMS OF COUNTRIES STRUGGLING FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR INDEPENDENCE,
DECIDES:

(A) TO CONDEMN THE POLICY OF BANTUSTANIZATION, WHICH, BY GROUPING TOGETHER IN RESTRICTED AREAS OF POOR LAND THE VERY GREAT MAJORITY OF THE BLACK POPULATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, GIVES RISE TO EXCESSIVE PRESSURE ON THAT LAND WHICH IS A VERY SERIOUS FACTOR IN DESERTIFICATION AND DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT,

(B) TO REQUEST THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO UNDERTAKE INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE WITH A VIEW TO PROHIBITING THE CONTINUATION OF THIS POLICY;

(C) TO APPEAL TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO REFRAIN FROM RECOGNIZING THE BANTUSTANS. END QUOTE.

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